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PLACEMENTS DOWN 2%

For the week ending August 12, 2006, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.8% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 mill) decreased 2.9% from comparable week in 2005. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, an increase of 1.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.2 million for the week ending August 05, 2006 compared to 11.2 million slaughtered during the same week in 2005.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
06/17/06	14,414	13,947	11,917	11,605	11,918	11,605
06/24/06	14,298	14,112	11,883	11,558	11,886	11,558
07/01/06	13,787	13,722	11,895	11,585	11,896	11,585
07/08/06	14,206	13,966	11,906	11,513	11,910	12,504
07/15/06	14,160	14,090	11,867	11,620	11,968	12,447
07/22/06	14,289	13,889	11,543	11,348	11,546	12,479
07/29/06	14,140	14,118	11,819	11,518	11,820	12,539
08/05/06	14,184	14,117	11,810	11,610	11,813	11,849
08/12/06	13,875	14,088	11,826	11,486	11,827	11,612

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	08/19/06			
New York Weighted Avg	64.96	64.77	69.60	69.52
12-City Composite 2/	69.04	66.43	65.72	71.72

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.